(b) whether it is also a fact that DCGI office has leaked the information to press for misleading the facts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Reddy's laboratory was compelled to withdraw Anti-Cancer drug from the market; and

(d) whether his Ministry is planning to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) M/s. Nicholas Piramal India Limited, Mumbai is importing and marketing r-human Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor (r-hu-GCSF)/ Filgrastim injection brand name NEUPOGEN, which is the product of M/s. Amgen Roche import and market approval of r-hu-GCSF Inj./Filgrastim Inj., (brand-NEUPOGEN) was granted in September 1993 in favour of M/s. Roche India Limited.

Based on the efficacy and safety data generated on r-hu-GCSF Inj. a anti-cancer drug in the country and clearance from GEAC, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Hyderabad, was also accorded permission to manufacture and market r-hu-GCSF Inj. on 28.06.2001. The reference given by Dr. Reddy's Laboratory for r-hu-GCSF/Filgrastim in package insert of the product were contested by the Nicholas Piramal, as actual literature reference pertains to NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim). Dr. Reddy's Laboratory was instructed to delete such references. No anti-cancer drug of Dr. Reddy's Laboratory has been withdrawn from the market.

In view of the above the question of investigation in the matter does not arise.

Investigation of corruption cases against DCGI and DG office

2941. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set-up a vigilance cell under direct supervision of CBI for investigation of various corruption cases of DCGI and DG office; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Eradication of dreaded diseases

2942. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for eradication of dreaded diseases such as AIDS, Hepatitis A/B/C, Cancer, TB, Leprosy, etc. spreading among the poor people of the country;

(b) the details of total amount spent by Government on these diseases during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

FDI in hospital industry

2943. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with regard to attracting Foreign Direct Investment in hospital industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment upto 100 per cent in hospital sector is already permissible under the automatic route.